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**Division of Special Education**

## **Free Appropriate Public Education** Incarcerated Children with Disabilities

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**Summary Report**

**2006-2007**

- The Tennessee Department of Education, Division of Special Education, has developed a plan to assure that educational services are being provided to individuals who are incarcerated under the age of twenty-two years of age. Presently this task is being coordinated by Davis Hines, Director of Juvenile Services & Charter Schools and Mark Reep, Juvenile Service & Charter School Consultant, for the State of Tennessee.
- Monitoring of the above identified county jails and detention centers are conducted on a two (2) year cycle beginning with the 2005-2006 school year. There are approximately ninety five (95) county jails and twenty six (26) juvenile detention centers & temporary hold/release facilities. Approximately one half (1/2) of the counties are monitored each year.
- NOTICE: Those facilities that are to be monitored during the current school year will be notified that they are to be monitored during summer of the previous year. In addition to the initial letter a policy will be enclosed regarding the necessity of monitoring, which is to assure that all individuals with disabilities are receiving an appropriate education.
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Technical assistance is provided by the office of Compliance /Monitoring. At the beginning of each school year, compliance staff will conduct meetings throughout the state to inform Local Education Agencies (LEA's) of the monitoring procedures which include county-city jails, juvenile detention centers, and temporary hold/release facilities.
- MONITORING: The monitoring schedule is planned by the juvenile services consultant. Monitoring will involve verification of information provided by the LEA from the Incarcerated Youth Program Plan and Surveys submitted to the Department of Education. Any additional information deemed appropriate during the monitoring process will be obtained by conducting an on-site interview with the county's sheriff or designated person, an on-site interview with the local education agency (LEA), a random on-site interview with inmates, and a tour of the local county jail.

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- In addition to the monitoring process, training has been provided by the Department of Education, Division of Special Education, through various means of staff development, technical assistance, Special Education Conference, TREC Advisory Council, and TCCY Advisory Council.
- During the 2006-2007 school year, staff from the Department of Education monitored local education agencies to determine compliance regarding students with disabilities who might be incarcerated in local county detention center, juvenile detention center or temporary hold/release facility. Notifications of scheduled visits were mailed to the local education agencies that were composed in Cycle B. In addition to this list three school system from Cycle A were monitored.
- A total of forty-three (43) county site visits were completed, Five (5) desk audits were completed, and three (3) previous systems were re-visited to assure compliance, thus giving a total of 51 systems monitored this 2006-2007 school year.

## Monitoring Process Results 2006-2007

### Monitoring Process Table

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Tennessee Regions	Counties Scheduled 2006-2007	% Counties Monitored 2006-2007	Individuals Identified SEA	Monitoring Cycle A/B
West Tennessee	5	100%		B
Middle Tennessee	26	100%		B
East Tennessee	17	100%		B
• Shelby County (Memphis City Schools)				Cycle A
• Davidson County (Metro-Davidson County Schools)				Cycle A
• Hamilton County (Hamilton County Schools)				Cycle A
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2006-2007 Incarcerated Youth Monitoring Cycle B

9/13-14/06	Davis	Middle Tennessee Charter School Visits
	Mark	Claiborne Co. & Campbell Co.
9/27-28/06	Davis	West Tennessee Charter School Visits
	Mark	Hawkins Co. & Grainger Co.
10/11-12/06	Davis	West Tennessee Charter School Visits
	Mark	Polk Co. & Monroe Co.
10/25-26/06	Davis	Robertson Co. & Cheatham Co.
	Mark	Hawkins Co. & Unicoi Co.
11/08-09/06	Davis	<i>Conference - Charter School Team</i>
	Mark	Meigs Co. & McMinn Co.
11/15-16/06	Davis	Lake Co. & Obion Co. 11/15
	Mark	Jefferson Co. & Sevier Co.
12/06-07/06	Davis	Sumner Co. & Wilson Co.
	Mark	Scott Co. & Morgan Co. / Union Co.
12/14-15/06	Davis	Humphreys Co. & Benton Co.
	Mark	Bledsoe Co. & Sequatchie Co. / Rhea Co.
01/10-11/07	Davis	Stewart Co. & Houston Co.
	Mark	Smith Co. & Jackson Co.
01/25-26/07	Davis	Metro/Davidson Co
	Mark	Metro/Davidson Co
02/07-08/07	Davis	Grundy Co. & Bedford Co.
	Mark	Grundy Co. & Moore Co. / Franklin Co.
02/15-16/07	Davis	Carroll Co. & Decatur Co
	Mark	Warren Co. & Van Buren Co.
03/08-09/07	Davis	Memphis
	Mark	Memphis
03/04-07/07		ANNUAL YOUTH AT RISK CONFERENCE
03/15-16/07	Davis	Hamilton Co.
	Mark	Hamilton Co.
04/04-05/07	Davis	Williamson Co.
	Mark	Williamson Co.
04/18-19/07	Davis	Rutherford Co.
	Mark	Rutherford Co. / White Co. & Dekalb Co.
04/30- 05/01/07	Davis	Pickett Co. & Overton Co.
	Mark	Clay Co. & Cannon Co.